

SPRINGFIELD

STCC professor lauded for work supporting technical education

Springfield Technical Community College President John B. Cook recently honored professor Gary Mullett for his "contribution to technical education at Springfield Technical Community College and worldwide."

He was presented with a plaque that included a letter addressed to Cook thanking Mullett for his work as a program evaluator for ABET, the global accreditor of college and university programs in applied and natural science, computing, engineering and engineering technology. The letter was signed by ABET Executive Director and CEO Michael K.J. Milligan.

"It is very much a surprise to me," Mullett said with a smile, after accepting the plaque. Mullett has been working for ABET for about 20 years.

Cook thanked Mullett for his many years of dedicated service and presented the plaque during a meeting with his colleagues at STCC.

"Although professor Mullett is exceedingly humble, we simply could not help but appreciate and tout his tremendous contributions to engineering education," Cook said.

"Gary has been an asset to STCC and the Engineering Technologies division for many years," said Adrienne Smith, dean of the School



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of Engineering Technologies and Mathematics. "He has been instrumental in obtaining numerous grant awards and establishing relationships with sister colleges and universities. Gary's affiliation with ABET has also been a huge contributor to the process of receiving ABET accreditation for four of our Engineering Technology programs. We are very proud of professor Mullett and thrilled to see him receive this much deserved recognition."

Mullett, department co-chair for Electronic Systems Engineering Technology, said he has traveled world-

wide on behalf of ABET. "They sent me to Saudi Arabia, Peru and, this last time, Mongolia."

In his role at ABET, he evaluates educational programs against accreditation criteria. Mullett reviews course materials, student transcripts and interviews faculty, staff and students, among other responsibilities.

Described in Milligan's letter as an "ABET expert," Mullett assists ABET in reviewing more than 3,800 programs at more than 700 institutions in 31 countries. He also takes part in regular training to ensure his knowledge meets ABET standards.